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to permit a natural death to relieve them now.

been lagging to permit the fair sex to keep up, may soon resume its normal speed. A woman has been awarded \$2,000 damages be

physicians.

Prof. David Starr Jordan describes Gen von man who might easily be mistaken for a clergyman," but whose doctrine is "faith, hope and hate." We can't help being glad he doesn't live in Washington, even if we are neutral.

has leaked.

the alleged interview with Lord Kitchener. An- its recommendation as to form of financial relief other thing that will strike most readers is that to be adopted, but if they insist upon blocking legis both Mr. Cobb and his paper displayed the story lation until they are accorded consideration the in a most amateurish way, giving preferred po- are in a position to do so. sition to a lot of nothings that Mr. Cobb said to This means, of course, that the waters of the Lord Kitchener in reply to questions that were approaching session may not run smooth. apparently intended to make the interviewer feel Many Other Important Matters Pending. at home, and putting at the end the really significant alleged utterances that brought forth a de- the session to the appropriation bills it will not dently labored under the misapprehension that he manding attention. was giving information to the war chief who no

to do about it, and when?

The paring down of the District of Columbia financial system of the country. appre, riations for the next fiscal year \$1,600,000 hefor the estimates of the District Commissioners the President will advocate in his message is the will be a shock and disappointment to those per- Alexander shipping bill which provides for the sons who want to see the Capital grow, as well purchase and operation of merchant vessels by the as to the taxpayers. The bill marks a backward United States government through a corporation step, the total amount it carries falling about which the government would control. To make \$1,000,000 below the appropriation for the current these purchases the sum of \$30,000,000 is to be year and the one-half payable by the District being provided through the sale of bonds. The arguments about \$2,000,000 less than its estimated revenues. in favor of the measure are that it would add to Not a single new project is provided for. The the strength of our merchant marine without the estimates sent to Congress by the Commissioners delay of waiting for construction; that it would were meager enough, and might well be regarded provide steamers under the American flag to carry as representing the utmost limit of economy; yet mails and merchandise; and that government they have been still further hacked. When it is owned vessels would in effect regulate the rates remembered that only one-half of the total appro- charged by private lines for ocean freights. On the priation comes out of the Federal Treasury-that other hand, it is certain that the United States the other half is paid by the people of Washington cannot contribute millions of dollars to the war in the form of taxes-the economy proclaims itself funds of European nations, which would be the of the cheese-paring brand. And another "pork" practical effect of the purchases, without exciting preparation.

ployes of the Federal and District governments at caution in dealing with a problem that might result least two half holidays, as suggested by the Retail in unfortunate complications. Merchants' Association, it will be necessary for the Trust and Railroad Legislation. merchants of Washington to go to a good deal of

Political Situation.

in the next House.

istration the principal issue of their campaign. They passing, does not seem to have much weight with staked their all upon him and lost. This being the Congress. case there is opportunity for insurgency to manifest | The Question of National Defense. itself. Even if there should be no open hostility the The Progressives seem to think it is better to that the President demonstrated great political know the facts in the case. keep themselves alive and yell murder in 1916 than sagacity when he insisted, previous to the election, upon securing the enactment of legislation deemed The fashion arbiters have decided that the tight anticipated the outcome at the polls. He evidently short session which begins tomorrow or for the

next Congress to assemble. Under these circumstances it does not require cause a meal she ate on a Pullman dining car the gift of prophecy to assert that during the apdidn't agree with her. Her remarkable recovery proaching session the President will be in a quieswhich will be likely to provoke controversy. The with passage of the appropriation bills and with Bernhardi as a "serene and courteous old gentle- the enactment of such routine matters as may present themselves. At the same time, troublesome questions may inject themselves into the proceedings. In fact, the House will have as its first business a vote upon a project to have the United Wisconsin, it is announced, wants a Mann white deposit them in national and State banks in the slave law of its own. Wisconsin, at the last elec- parts of the country where cotton is the chief protion, voted down a lot of rabid proposals, and a duct. As security the Treasury would accept ware survey of some recent evil results of the Mann house receipts. The outlook is for the defeat of law suggests that it would meet with rude treat- this measure, but it is certain that the Southern ment at the hands of the electorate not only in members will not accept this outcome without Wisconsin, but in any State in which it might be manifesting a feeling of resentment. Conditions is the South are bad. A very large proportion of the cotton crop was raised upon borrowed money and Some newspapers claim to have discovered owing to adverse weather was an expensive underproof that the railroads will be granted permis- taking. There are no funds with which to repay sion to increase freight rates, while others point to the loans and the help of the government is the convincing evidence that the permission will be only salvation. The tobacco planters are also in Somebody is probably right, but up to sad straits and are asking assistance. While the the present time the Interstate Commerce Com- representatives of the cotton and tobacco interests mission must be exonerated of the charge that it are not numerically strong enough to pass their relief measures they are in a position to make trouble should they decide upon retaliation. They One thing seems quite certain. Mr. Irving Cobb may be content to accept a postponement until neglected to get the censor to put his O. K. on special committee appointed in October can make

If it should be decided to confine the work of nial from the British war office. Mr. Cobb evi- be because of the lack of important matters de-

Immediately after voting on the question of doubt depends on sources much nearer the front. an issue of Treasury notes the House will vote upon two bills which through their direct relation Mr. Thomas Adams, who is described as an to banking will increase the credits available in "English housing expert," told the Federation of cotton-growing States. Both bills have already Women's Clubs, in session at the Public Library passed the Senate and have the support of the Fedyesterday, that "the pulling down of slums is not eral Reserve Board. Under one of these bills banks a solution of the problem in itself. If you pull in the South which hold much commercial paper down slums and do not build model homes in but relatively few bonds could increase the emerheir stead, you only create slums somewhere else, gency currency they can obtain upon security of and leave property not earning." Mr. Thomas may commercial paper by forty or fifty million dollars or may not be a "housing expert," but he at least The other bill, by allowing banks which are mempossesses common sense, which is about all that bers of the Federal reserve system to place on deneed be brought to bear on the problems now con- posit with Federal reserve banks all of the refronting Washington. A law has been enacted serves they now must hold in their own vaults abolishing alley houses, and in a very few years would increase the lending power of the Federal a large number of poor families will be driven from reserve banks which deal with the South to the the homes they now occupy. So far no provision extent of \$196,000,000. Then, too, there is a bill has been made for their future. These people must upon the House calendar which proposes to license have shelter and they are able to pay only a small warehouses through the Department of Agriculture, sum monthly for it. Those statesmen who have thus making cotton warehouse receipts more availlegislated their roofs away, or their successors, able as security. The outcome as to this legislawill have to provide others. What are they going tion will be awaited with interest. It recalls the declarations of the Populist platform of 1896 and, to say the least, suggests radical innovations in the

Another important matter which, it is asserted, already been advised by certain powers that they cannot look with indifference upon the proposed Unless President Wilson and the District Com- action and many members who might favor the missioners can see their way clear to granting em- proposition in the abstract are certain to advise

Fortunately for the country no further agitation

gave an enormous amount of serious study. He was a member of the commission to investigate More than a month ago The Washington Her- the subject, devoted much time to mastering its ald predicted that when the final session of the intricate details, and during the debate upon the Sixty-third Congress assembled a very large pro- floor of the House was deservedly regarded as an portion of its members would come to say good-bye. authority. Notwithstanding all this, his constitu-The prophecy has been amply verified. Through ency defeated him last month and now all his labor defeat, failure to secure renomination, declination and study goes for naught. The railroads naturaland other causes no less than 140 members who ly desire more money for carrying the mails and will answer the roll call tomorrow will not be seen the commission agrees that there ought to be an increase to the extent of at least \$3,000,000. It is just possible that this large inroad on the Whether the railroads will get it is another quesmembership of the House will have its effect upon tion. There are also many bills pending which dithe attitude of Congress toward the President, rect additions to safety equipment and these will Practically all of the Democrats seeking re-elec-entail large additional expense if enacted into law. tion last month made the President and his admin- The latter consideration, it may be remarked in

Another question certain to be injected into the grieving. President can hardly expect to find during the last proceedings and which might in time become a pothree months of the session the complete sub-litical issue concerns national defense. Representserviency to his wishes which marked the proceed- ative Gardner, in the House, and Senator Lodge, ings of the last session. It now appears, therefore, in the Senate, are determined that the country shall

The administration is peace-loving in the extreme. President Wilson opposes any agitation of by him to be of vital importance. He must have the subject of war preparedness and everybody knows that Secretary Bryan would avoid war at skirt must go. If this is true the world, which has realized that the opportunity to frame his policies any cost. The horrors of the European struggle into laws would pass if he waited either for the have undoubtedly increased the anti-war sentiment in this country, but there are many who believe, nevertheless, that the United States ought to have an adequate army and navy. Perhaps, after all, this question of national defense will rival in interest the efforts of the Southern members to secure relief is no doubt as satisfactory to her lawyers as to her cent mood. He will not suggest any legislation for the cotton growers. At any rate, it is certain to develop two strong opposing factions in both leaders in the House, for their part, will be content branches of Congress and the outcome of the struggle may fix the status of the United States as a power among nations for many years to come. With this, as with everything else, there is no standing still. The United States must either go forward or backward. The session which begins omorrow, together with the next Congress, must States issue \$250,000,000 of its Treasury notes and decide what step is to be taken and then it will remain for the country to justify or condemn that action at the polls.

That Matter of Preparedness.

The movement recently initiated by Representaive Augustus P. Gardner to investigate the national preparedness for war seems to have nothing sinister in its intent. It does not suggest any immediate expansion of our military and naval equipment, but seems to be only a very natural and common sense demand to have the actual facts in the case made public. There is no doubt that it is a matter con- is a lady, or ladies, in the elevator, and public. There is no doubt that he has betrayed cerning which the American public has betrayed his hat off in a street car. If there is trators of the greatest crime in Americal characteristic in the immediate past, and in view a reason I would like know what that history—the Wilson-Underwood tariff.

Prior to the agitation the country was retained in the country with the country was retained in the country was retained of the present chaotic state of things outside this reason is. ountry it might be well to know the measure of

At the recent dinner of the Economic Club, in New York City, Chancellor David Starr Jordan, of Leland Stanford University, made a vigorous pro-Leland Stanford University, made a vigorous pro-test against the proposition. "A great armament," he declared, "will bring victory—perhaps. It will and children in war-stricken Europe. never bring peace. When everybody is loaded somebody explodes. When no one is loaded no one explodes. When no one is loaded no one explodes. This, perhaps, voices the opinion of a great majority of the conservative minds of the nation. Moreover, advocates of the theory of armament as a preventive of war are now discredited sadly by the course of events in Europe. The sum and children in war-stricken Europe. Those who have so faithfully and so for cloth, and under the circumstances for cloth and control of circumstances. It has been settled for all time that preparedness hearted mothers and children on the

It has been settled for all time that preparedness for war, whatever other virtue may be ascribed to it, is not a guarantee of peace.

There are few in this enlightened age who are disposed to undervalue arbitration as a means of preserving the peace of nations, but it is most uncertain in its operation. "Do you suppose that human nature has so changed that we can trust the future to arbitration?" asked Representative Gardner at the Economic Club's dinner. "There are cobwebs in the great peace hall at The Hague.

Con you arbitrate race hatred? Can you persuade to the American continent as well. It is suid that there is no love like that of mother looke that there is no love like that of mother on the hearts of the children. And every mother should feel herself duty bound that there is no love like that of mother of her children. And every mother should feel herself duty bound that there is no love like that of mother of her children. And every mother should feel herself duty bound the hearts of her sisters. And this brings to our mind the sad thought of a broken-hearted mother on the American soil. Who could be made happy if the Christians "at home" would only put forth an earnest effort to do so. We refer to from Australia and New Zealand, France that the same boat with England and it will be some satisfaction turn the tables, if nothing eise.

There are few in this enlightened age who are districted and the government must pay the cost. Our mills have their own to do whatever she can to make glad our brokens of her sisters. And this brings ideration. There is a cold-blooded proposition of business. Soldiers must be fed and the government must pay the cost. Our mills have their own to do whatever she can to make glad our brokens of her sisters. And this brings ideration. There is a cold-blooded proposition of business. Soldiers must be fed and clothed and the government must pay the cost. Our mills have their own to do whatever she can to make glad our brokens of the hearts of her is severe in the business. So arbitrate race hatred? Can you persuade this country condemn the injustices done to those within their own gates the Russian to love the German? Can you persuade the San Francisco labor leader to love the Chinaman? Can you arbitrate slavery? Why, an attempt to do it became the same to be the same t attempt to do it brought on the civil war."

It would be idle to deny that the present state of things in Europe has not only magnified our horror of war and our sense of its destructiveness, but has opened our eyes to the possibility that

J. C. CUNNINGHAM. we may be compelled to resort to it as a dread alternative no matter how greatly we should prefer to settle our differences with arrogant outsiders in some more pacific fashion. Whether such a chance may be near or remote we cannot predict, but the mere knowledge that it exists furnishes a strangest. So different are many things to me strangest. So different are many things valid reason for speculation over our state of pre- American, as it should be; several na paredness. Even those who have been accustomed tions have several formula of habit that to dismiss further consideration of the matter with the rather superficial assurance that our geographi
for reason, a cause, understanding: and Return to the Ceremonial Kimono cal isolation gives us immunity from foreign in-vasion might now be expected to indulge a mild there are in many habits American no cause least and whatever.

Let me point at the custom of this interest in such a matter as our national prepared-

resentative Gardner's move should not strike a popular chord. Such an investigation as he suggests could be conducted without in anyway complete the age, which of a lady of that the late Emperor. In his great gests could be conducted without in anyway compromising the peace-at-any-price-save-dishonor attitude of the administration and without doing violence to the peace-promoting machine so admirably engineered by Mr. Carnegie. mirably engineered by Mr. Carnegie.

There has been no denial at the White House of reports about a special session of the next Congress, to begin soon after March 4, but Speaker bill, containing \$50,000,000, is now in course of international protest. The State Department has Clark, who might be expected to know something reply. I of the administration's plans, says he does not believe one will be held. His statement is reassuring, for the country feels safer when the law-makers are away from Washington. The program for the regular session includes the appropriation bills, the Philippine bills, conservation measures and the shipping bill. Then there are pending several labor measures, including the seamen's bill, trouble and expense to provide an opportunity for of anti-trust legislation is likely. The Clayton bill which has passed both Houses and is now in con- from Europe during the continuance of be discarded in toto, but rather whether the continuance of the discarded in toto, but rather whether the continuance of the discarded in toto, but rather whether the continuance of the discarded in toto, but rather whether the continuance of the discarded in toto, but rather whether the continuance of the discarded in toto, but rather whether the continuance of the discarded in toto, but rather whether the continuance of the discarded in toto. the clerks to do their Christmas shopping. Mer- is now a law and the administration ought to be ference, and the child labor bill, reported favorably chants and shoppers alike are confronted with a content to give the business interests a rest until from the House committee. When Congress opens the three months' engagements has been the three months' engagements has been to the congress opens. chants and shooppers alike are confronted with a new problem this year in the form of the law for birding saleswomen to work more than eight after the considered at length, not much time for not at all unreasonable. The Federal form of the departments in the flower of not at all unreasonable. The federal form of the closing hour in the departments and the closing hour in the departments and the closing hour in the departments. The reconsidered at length, not much time for not at all unreasonable. The federal first the considered at length, not much time for not at all unreasonable. The federal form of the war, too, there with the considered at length, not much time for not at all unreasonable. The federal first the considered at length, not much time for not at all unreasonable. The federal first the considered at length, not much time for not at all unreasonable. The federal first the considered at length, not much time for not at all unreasonable. The federal first the considered at length, not much time for not at all unreasonable. The federal first the considered at length, not much time for not at all unreasonable. The federal first the considered at length, not much time for not at all unreasonable. The federal first the considerable inportant things, but Mr. All the federal first the considerable in proteins of many time for not at all unreasonable. The federal provided for the considerable in proteins of many time for not at all unreasonable. The federal first the considerable inportation of his patroits to the first the federal first the new statute has been thoroughly tested. For the federal first the new statute has been thoroughly the seed of hore seed the constant the new statute has been thoroughly the seed of hore were the closing from the flower than eight and control of the war, too, there withing the time months that the first the first the new statute has been thoroughly the constant the new statute has been thoroughly the constant the new statute has been thoroughly the constant the new stat

Unimportant If True

By DR. ERITAS

The situation in Mexico gets Villanous. One breath of scandal makes the whole world talk.

The days are getting shorter, along with the rest of us.

Portugal seems to think she has a hand in the war, too.

Mr. Hobson seems to be trying to out-Hobson Hobson.

People who get full generally have empty pocketbooks. It is all right to call a man a joker, but don't call him a joke.

The red, white and blue hosiery did not take well, for which nobody is

The average school girl would rather be a good dancer than carry off

Walter Johnson has joined the Federals, but Von Hindenburg is still with the Germans.

There was once a Cabinet Officer who was not criticised, but he has been dead for a long time.

American heiresses will probably find dukes and counts a drug on the arket after the war is over.

The Italian government wants to stay neutral, even if it has to fight me of its own folks at home.

There are, no doubt, violations of the "white slave" laws, but some of he arrests look more like blackmail.

Europeans are fighting to save their respective countries, and over here e have got to work to save ourselves.

Lord Kitchener, who says it will take three years to end the war, may be good prophet, but he is not an optimist.

Heard a lady say the other day that she thinks the Spugs are insane. Maybe so, but there is method in their madness.

It is said that there are fifty-seven kinds of money circulating in Mexico And we don't suppose the best of it is worth more than 30 cents a hatful.

THE OPEN FORUM.

Why Remove the Hat in a Public Elevator?

Editor of The Washington Herald: To many of our readers are writing about the elevator hat business, I am inclined to ask two or three questions, and make

a suggestion.

Is a public elevator in a public building a public conveyance? If so, why should a gentleman remove his hat when there

A Plea for Harry Thaw.

Editor of The Washington Herald: The

what waits them in the future. And we and whatever trade interests gathered

A PERPLEXED FOREIGNER.

I am in your country long enough to speak your language with perfection, and

So there sems to be no strong reason why Ren- For the lady who have a memory of Each day one see on the avenues, in the cars, assemblages of beautiful girls who of your valuable journal, Mr. Editor, who can help, I thank them for the pleasure

AGAIN THE MORGAN HORSE.

the present war and for a long time it thereafter. The slaughter of horses in k

PURELY A BUSINESS MATTER.

tage of the "Turned Tables."

But for this terrible war England, Ger many, France, and Beigium would be tak-ing fully \$199,999,999 of good American money in exchange for woolen and worsted goods, and a certain element of our population would be compounding the great wrong by demanding the "imported" cloth regardless of quality or condition. Consequently the only course left to the common people of this country is to re-move the cause by removing the perpe-trators of the greatest crime in American Prior to the agitation the country was If you say it is courteous or it shows prosperous, labor and capital was getting respect for the lady, why not show that respect in a street car.

J. E. S. actually engaged in, substantial expan-sion. The agitation set the ball rolling down bill, and the tariff itself put on the finishing touches. At the present time the outlook is brighter and in a way the tables are turned. England, France, Bel-glum and German; are calling upon us

sufferers in Surope, to the noncombat ants, but the netters are another matter Here is a cold-blooded proposition of

foremost thought in the minds of industrial workers should be the killing of the the Progressive party, and the rest the turiof is a law it is a grave danger to American industry and cap forcet this.-Fibre and Fabric,

Is Under Discussion. country of many that puzzle. In my should be in harmony with the history, country we know the paint, the rouge, habits and customs in general of that the powder for the face, yes. For what? people. The adoption of a Western unihave prepare the face with artificial in connection with the difficulty of indressing most unnecessary without a purpose. Why is this? When the time that through the great war, the patriotic pose. Why is this? When the time that through the great war, the patriotic these girls need the rouge, the fresh thoughts of a Japanese naturally turn color that have abscond, then what to do? color that have anscond, then want to do?

I make nothing of it. I am without reply. I adore America, but understand many things a little. If there are reader made it, wisely or otherwise, a part of his financial reform not to drink chamported wines, we are told, will all be exhausted by the end of this year, so that Japan will soon have to depend, whether she likes it or not, upon native breverages entirely. But the dress manuel of the commission which have been effected to but it is estimated that with other breverages entirely. But the dress manuel occommiss which have been effected to public by the Federal reserve board conditions made of the federal reserve board conditions and the federal reserve board conditions made of the federal reserve board conditions are set that the federal reserve board conditions pagne but to use sake for toasting. Im-If Vermont were further advanced in the first reviving industry of horse raising it might profit handsomely from the demand for horses which is sure to come the imported cloths should or should not the imported cloths should or should not sho long time it is not time to permit he ceremonial horses in kimono as well on certain occasions?

has been A Tokyo magazine reminds us of a dis-

Rex Beach--How He Grew Up

AN AUTOBIOGRAPHY.

WAS born in 1877. My folks lived on a farm among the chilblains of Michigan until I had reached the precocious little age of seven. The climate was fierce and the grub was worse. There was nothing to eat up there except frozen apples. At this period my father, suddenly discovering that he had frozen the feet off every member of the Beach family, decided quite wisely o move south-as far south as there was room to move. via the hasty and interesting Mississippi River.

"Well, wet got to Florida, engaged in the business of growing oranges and sending Rex to school, and froze out down there. We were sorry—it was so much like Michigan. Everybody went broke. This, too, was like Michigan. There was nothing to eat but frozen oranges. So I went to Chicago to study law. Every morning I packed a law book under one arm and an apple and glass of milk wedge the other and went lawing. All to no avail between all to no of milk under the other, and went lawing. All to no avail, however-all to no

avail. Then I learned to be a football player.
"I introduced myself to the captain of the Chicago Athletic Association team and said I felt in me the vicious hunger to be brutal and wear shinguards and have my name in the sporting papers and board at a training table. He looked me over and felt my bumps, then asked me if I was a good player. 'Immense,' I

assured him with becoming modesty. 'Where have you played?' he inquired,

"'In the South,' I answered, vaguely

" 'What position?' "'All of them.' I blush now at the memory. It was my first and finest Re. Since then I have often tried to lie. I would like to be a good liar, but can't make it stick. I didn't know a football from an electric belt, but I steeled myself with thoughts of that training table, and he tried me out. I met the team and played all that season. I got hurt at the first practice and every game thereafter some thing worse happened to me. I had sprains, lesions, and compound fractures, but I stuck to that training table, for there were no frozen apples nor frosted oranges on the menu. We won the championship and when the season had closed I went to the captain and acknowledged my deceit, for my conscience was water-logged, 'I was never on a gridiron in my life and never saw a football game till

"So I judged when I saw you play," he remarked, which went to show

that a good lie can't be improved upon.
"Meanwhile I was reading Blackstone, but I didn't like the plot; there wasn't any action. How he ever got into the 'six best sellers' I don't know. I put my feet on the desk and read what a lot of highbrows had to say about 'torts,' 'contracts,' and 'common law,' but never got one good stomach laugh out of the whole bunch. I preferred Richard Harding Davis or George Ade. Sometimes I went on a still hunt for witnesses and dragged them into court, then rode herd on them while my two brothers told the jury how their clients had been abused. My brothers are real lawyers, orators, you know, with eloquence to burn. The only eloquence I ever developed was when I drove a dog team. A lot of those clients

were Polacks and Montenegrins and Russians whose names sounded like a bad cough, and most of them smelled worse than they sounded, so I went to Alaska. "Yes, yes—a-seeking gold." To cut a long story short. I found two honest men in the whole country. One of them is my partner now in a claim up there that is paying us money every year. I forget who the other man was. But I went broke—then flush—then broke—then broke again, time after time. At this stage of my career I developed my genius for carrying things, above alluded to. Whenever there was anything too heavy or too dirty for any of the Indians to tote the foreman always used to yell. Where's Beach?" And little Beach came

neekly forward and toted it. Sometimes I strayed away-so they put a bell on I got so I chewed a cud and flapped my ears.
"After I had stevedored all the freight that had to be transferred from the United States into Alaska I went back and mined zinc in Missouri. They showed me! I turned a promoter next, never having been a promoter. I took a coal dredge to Nome to see if I could not work the beach. I found that I couldn't. Along with a few thousand other and better promoters I went broke so buzzed. I decided that I wash't a real promoter, for I couldn't go home and ace the music, and yet I couldn't keep to that steam boiler nor even feed any part of the fittings to my engineers. Times were tough in Nome that year; there was less money than in Michigan or Florida, and no apples, so I girded up my rubber boots and got busy. I was game for any financial enterprise from pitch and toss to manslaughter. The only thing I barred was a lead pipe. The nights were too short to use the latter, anyhow; there wasn't any darkness what-

pitch and toss to manslaughter. ever. I tried everything from vocal lessons to longshoring, for I knew there must be some money concealed somewhere in the world. Meanwhile those engineers sat on my dredge and ate their wage in the most extortionate manner possible, clamoring discordantly for employment. I found a mine and hypnotized the owner into setting a price on it, then found a fellow who had a roll of money with a rubber band around it pinned up in his inside vest pocket with a safety pin. I talked um into a coma, and before he had recovered consciousness we owned the claim. I set those tender-handed engineers of mine at work with picks and shovels, and sloated over them. We struck it rich. I continued the gloat. Then the pay gloated over streak pinched out.

"For two years I followed the game, stampeding from Cooks Inlet to the arctic, a little matter of three or four thousand miles, mining prospecting, speculating. Sometimes I was poor, then again I was broke. No matter how evil my fortunes, I knew they were certain to get worse. Finally I came back to Chicago to spar for wind. Here, not knowing anything about fire brick, I, of course, engaged in the brick industry. About the time I got so that I could tell a brick from a nosegay of pink nasturtiums I took on an interest in a contracting business. We built jurnaces erected chimness, and installed power plants. I business. We built furnaces, erected chimneys, and installed power plants, knew less about this than I did about fire brick, but, being a director of the se eral companies, nobody dared to tell me so. I was doing very well, thank you, when a friend of mine put me wise to a perfect mint of money that was going to waste in the author business. He proudly displayed to me samples of his own handicraft as a fiction writer. These samples were printed in a harvester com-

pany's trade journal. "It looked easy and appealed to me strongly, for an author doesn't have to carry anything, not even a suitcase full of brick samples. Why should I fire brick for a living after that? I asked myself. So I sat down and manhan-fled a siece about Alaska. I send it to one of the big New York magazines, thinking to start it at the top and let it work down to The Poultryman's Review by the natural law of gravitation. But the big magazine took it; and the big magazine editor came out to Chicago to see me. He introduced me to a lot of nice literary people who, it seems, aid him in his nefarious job of publishing a magazine once every thirty days. This is Beach, he said them. I carefully tapped one in t the other and looked bashful. 'Beach! Beach!' they echoed. They know me. The evil was done.

me. The evil was done,
"I went back to the office and threw bricks around the room until there wasn't
a sample left. I became an author. I went to Chicago, reuted a blank office in
the Fine Arts Building. I chose the name purposely, locked myself in, and wrote
The Looting of Alaska—twenty thousand words. Just like that. Then I started

The Spoilers, also a nice batch of short stories. "My appearance in New York with all this material, my plunge into the literthere—sh, it is like a dream, a bewildering dream. I sold the stuff left. I pulled in \$5,000 to start with. Then I went out with a club after anybody that had money-editors, theatrical managers, everybody, slogan was, 'How dare you have money?' Gimme that!' with a brusque, ungentlemanly gesture-and I got it. "But I am not a real author, I know. I feel destrait. I ought to be carrying

Therefore, whenever I can't stand it any longer I go up to Alaska

(By courtesy of Harper & Bros., publishers of Mr. Beach's books.)

cither possible nor wise to return to now. Haori and hakama, however long been the polite vesture of the for persons of rank and quality on cer-tain heeclified occasions. The more genonly be decided whe nthe other problem national architecture is or all time.-Japan Times.

COUNCILMEN CUT OWN SALARIES of \$35,000, said yesterday. Pittsburgh Officials Demand Every

One on City Pay Roll Do Same.

Pittsburgh. Dec. 4.—An action which is without precedent in legislative bodies in Pittsburgh was taken as a master stroke to insure economy this afternoon when the city's nine council-net representations. In another quarter it was intimated men after deliberations. Insting less new item would be passed. men after deliberations lasting than ten minutes, cut their sal \$1,000 each a year and passed a me which practically demands that every city official, from the mayor down through the cabinet, volunteers to ac-

cept a proportionate cut. date and still others which are proposed that the cash deficit of \$500,000 will be made up and the city will go into 1915

ASKS BIGGER COAST DEFENSE.

tress of the feudal regime, but it is THINKS HARBOR BILL DOOMED. Fight of Last Year to Be Con-

tinued, Burton Says.

Any your and harbor bill carrying tems considered as objectionable as those in last year's bill will be fought eral question whether native costume those n last year's bill will be fought shall be entirely rejected or restored can us bitterly us that was at the last session, Senator Burton, of Obie, who led the fight which caused the reduction from more than \$10,000,000 to a lump sum

Burton. "but if it makes a total of any-

REDISCOUNTS ON INCREASE. down Federal Reserve Board Makes tob-

He Weekly Statement.

made up and the city will go into 1915 of \$2.86,000 in the amount of Federal rewith the same tax which prevails this serve notes in circulation.

The statement this week is given in comparative form with that of Novem-ber 27, and shows gold coin, certificates and other form of money, billy discounted, loans and capital paid in, reserve de-